

Despite the lower revenue for the year, the Group's Profit Before Tax ("PBT") improved by 47.0% y-o-y to RM114.89 million mainly attributed to higher contributions from all divisions as well as the reversal of previously recorded impairment loss on plant, property and equipment ("PPE") of RM23.63 million. Without the write back of impairment, the Group PBT would be RM91.26 million, 16.8% higher than last year.

Bulking division posted a record high PBT of RM44.39 million and is the leading contributor to the Group's PBT. Plantation division recorded PBT of RM32.81 million on the back of the reversal of impairment loss on PPE amounting to RM23.63 million. Without the reversal, Plantation's PBT is RM9.18 million compared to RM28.34 million in previous year.

Meanwhile, Manufacturing division recorded better PBT against last year primarily due to higher write back of inventories and reversal of certain provisions on warranty as well as lower direct costs and depreciation.

Food division's PBT improved by RM6.97 million to RM8.33 million compared with RM1.36 million posted in the preceding year mainly due to increase in earnings contribution from our PNG subsidiary, International Food Corporation Ltd.

**Gross Profit and Cost of Sales** for the Group improved to RM190.62 million (FYE2018: RM187.59 million) and RM278.85 (FYE2018: RM294.87 million) respectively. The improvement is mainly



attributed to the strong results recorded by the Bulking division.

The Group's **Gross Profit Margin** was higher by 1.7% mainly contributed by higher gross profit margin enjoyed by Bulking division.

**Share of Results of Associates** totalled RM0.93 million as compared to a loss of RM0.48 million last year on the back of improved contributions from Giesecke & Devrient Malaysia Sdn Bhd ("G&D"). G&D posted a revenue of RM184.08 million (FYE2018: RM164.50 million) and PBT of RM17.67 million (FYE2018: RM11.57 million).

**PAT** for FYE2019 was RM85.21 million compared to RM46.64 million recorded in the previous financial year. The increase in PAT mainly attributed to the write back of the impairment loss on PPE amounting RM23.63 million and lower tax expenses during

the year. Taxation expenses for the period decreased to RM29.68 million from RM31.50 million.

**Profit Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company** improved 100.3% or RM29.87 million from RM29.87 million recorded in FYE2018 to RM59.84 million in FYE2019. Basic earnings per share of our Group increased to 21.25 sen based on weighted average of 281.63 million shares (FYE2018: 10.78 sen based on 282.20 million shares).

The Group's **Retained Earnings** FYE2019 stood at RM433.56 million against RM398.99 million in the previous financial year. The variance was due to the higher profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company of RM59.84 million (FYE2018: RM29.87 million).

**Shareholders' Funds** stood at RM803.15 million, representing an increase of RM48.07 million or